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SUBJECT: RECENT GOSKONTsert NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRIVATE AMERICANS

1. EMBASSY IN THE PAST WEEK HAS PROVIDED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE AMERICANS NEGOTIATING EXCHANGE OF PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS AND SOLOISTS. SUMMARY OF PROJECTS FOLLOWS.

2. FREDRICK R. MANN, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILADELPHIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SUMMER SEASON MET WITH SUPAGIN (DIRECTOR OF GOSK) ON SEPTEMBER TEN TO ENGAGE SOVIET SOLOISTS FOR '76 SUMMER SESSION. GOSK HAD NOT INTENDED TO SEND ANYONE BUT MANN REQUESTED VIOLINIST LEONID KOGAN, COMPOSER TIKHON KHRENNIKOV AND A CONDUCTOR OF GOSK'S CHOICE FOR CONCERTS ON TWENTY-FOUR AND TWENTY-SIX JUNE. MANN INVITED GOSK TO NAME ITS PRICE AND SUPAGIN AFTER ASKING \$10,000 AND ROUND TRIP TRAVEL WAS VISABLY FLUSTERED WHEN MANN AGREED. SUPAGIN AND MANN HAD AGREED BEFORE SUPAGIN'S ASSISTANT COULD INSERT THAT \$10,000 WAS FOR FIRST CONCERT AND THERE SHOULD BE A \$5,000 FEE FOR THE SECOND. MANN GELD GOSK TO \$10,000 FOR BOTH, BASED ON SUPAGIN'S AGREEMENT.

3. JAQUES LEISER HAS SIGNED CONTRACTS TO TAKE PIANIST LAZAR BERMAN IN 1976 AND 1977 FOR EXTENDED TOURS IN U.S. GOSK ALSO AGREED TO TAKE AMERICAN PIANIST DAVID BEAN IN 1977. LEISER HAS OPENED NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOSK FOR A FESTIVAL OF SOVIET SOLOISTS IN NEW YORK--PROBABLY IN 1977 AND A FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN

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PERFORMERS HERE IN MOSCOW AT THE SAME TIME OR ONE YEAR LATER.

HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTACT CU/ARTS ON THIS MATTER.

4. U.S. SEN. GRIFFIN INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT CONDUCTOR JAMES FRAIZER, JR. WILL BE TOURING AND CONDUCTING SOVIET ORCHESTRAS IN THE SOVIET UNION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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